

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for facilitating a wear pattern on a fabric, in combination with said fabric, comprising:

means for impressing a wear pattern, said means for impressing being permanently affixed to said fabric.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said means for impressing is an embroidered panel.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said means for impressing is a wood panel, having raised portions.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said means for impressing is a metal panel, having raised portions.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said means for impressing is a plastic panel, having raised portions.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fabric comprises at least two separate portions, wherein said means for impressing is permanently affixed to a first portion of said fabric, for impressing the wear pattern on a second portion of said fabric.

7. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said means for impressing is disposed between said first and second portions of said fabric.

8. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fabric forms a pocket on a garment, said means for impressing is disposed in an interior portion of said pocket, so as to be permanently affixed to the interior portion of said pocket, for creating a wear pattern on an exterior portion of said pocket.

9. A method for creating a wear pattern on a garment to be worn by a consumer, wherein said garment includes a fabric having an interior side and an exterior side, comprising:

providing a means for impressing a wear pattern on an exterior side of said fabric; permanently affixing said means for impressing to the interior side of said fabric; and wearing said garment under normal wear conditions, which thereby causes said means for impressing to rub against the interior side of said fabric so as to create a wear pattern on the exterior side of said fabric.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein said means for impressing the wear pattern is an embroidered panel.

11. The method according to claim 9, further comprising, before said wearing step: abrading the fabric, by handbrushing or sandblasting, on the exterior side of said fabric opposite from the interior side having said means for impressing; and washing the garment.

12. A garment, comprising:

a fabric having an interior and exterior side; and
a design panel permanently affixed to the interior side of said fabric,

wherein said design panel is capable of creating a wear pattern on the exterior side of said fabric when the garment is worn under normal conditions by a consumer.

13. The garment according to claim 12, wherein said design panel is an embroidered panel.

14. The garment according to claim 12, wherein said interior side of said fabric forms a rear pocket on the garment, so that said design panel is disposed inside said rear pocket.

15. The garment according to claim 12, wherein said design panel is a metal plate having a raised surface in the shape of a predetermined pattern, said raised surface facing toward the exterior side of said fabric for facilitating a wear pattern corresponding to the shape of the predetermined pattern.